SUBSEQUENT TROUBLE REPORTS

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Once a trouble report in entered into LMOS and routed for someone to continue the resolution process, the report is called a Pending Report (because it is pending resolution). Sometimes the customer may call us back before the pending reported trouble is cleared for a number of reasons. Some typical reasons include:

- Ask for information about the status of the report.
- Provide some new information about the pending report
- Express dissatisfaction with the appointment given previously.
- Complain that the repair appointment was missed
- Ask about a no access notice left by a repair technician.
- Change access or appointment times.
- Advise that the reported trouble condition is now cleared

When this happens, we <u>modify</u> the existing (pending) report by submitting a Subsequent Report. Every time a customer calls about a trouble condition, a record of the call must be entered in LMOS.

The LMOS system will accommodate only one active trouble report for a given telephone number at a time. Therefore, all subsequent customer interactions are entered as Subsequent Reports appended to the existing (pending) reports. Every time someone performs a task on the pending report, there is a line of status information entered on the report. This status line indicates the date/time of the activity, who performed the activity, what was done and a line of narrative information. By viewing the LMOS Recent Status Transaction (RST), you can see the complete history of the pending report.

The status code that you see on your pending trouble will determine the action you will take with your customer. This section will help you learn how to process Subsequent reports and how to convey status information to your customer.

When you answer the phone and begin processing a customer trouble report, you may not realize that an existing (pending) trouble report already exists in LMOS. Sometimes the caller may not know that a report already exists. For example, one member of the household called and reported the problem; sometime later, another member of the household calls to report the same problem.

When a pending trouble exists, TAFI does not return the Main Menu after you complete the Initial Trouble Entry window. As soon as TAFI receives the initial data from LMOS, you will get an indication that a pending trouble report exists:

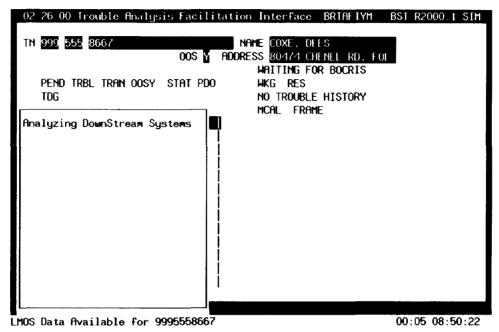


Figure 94 - Subsequent Report 1

Look at the line just above the Analyzing DownStream Systems. This example tells you that a pending trouble is in LMOS (PEND); the original Trouble Description (TRBL) is Transmission (TRAN); it was an out of service condition (OOSY) and the current status of the report is Pending Dispatch Out (PDO).

The best way to digest the information you are about to read is to actually push the buttons and see what happens on your screen while something new is being discussed.

TAFI automatically pulls the RST transaction (so that data will be available to you) and then displays the Subsequent Trouble Report Screen:

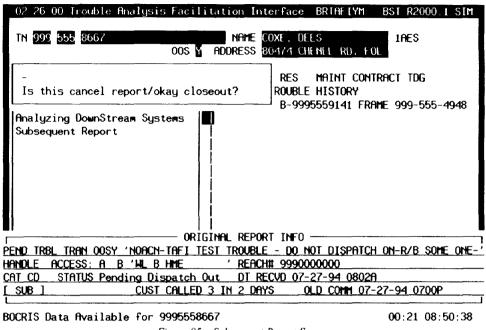


Figure 95 - Subsequent Report Screen

Notice that at the bottom of this screen is the Original Report Information window.

12.1 ORIGINAL REPORT INFORMATION WINDOW

This window will display automatically when a customer reports a number that has already been reported. As you can see, this window displays the pending trouble (initial trouble) description, followed by the current narrative field (the text between the single quotes) on the first line. The initial Handle Code, Access time limitations (A and B fields), the information entered in the Remarks field (i.e., wl b hme) and Reach number information is shown on the second line. The category of the report, the current status of the report (TAFI translates PDO) and the date and time that this report was given this status (Note: DT Recvd is misleading, the label should say DT Statused) is displayed on the third line. The number of times the customer has called and the current commitment information is presented on the last line.

⇒ Note: When you provide the customer a commitment on an initial trouble report, we call it the New Commitment. When processing a Subsequent report, that original commitment is called the Old Commitment ... because you have the opportunity to change it with another New Commitment.

To unclutter your screen, you may remove the Original Report Information window after you have provided the status information to your customer. Notice that the active window on this screen is the query window (*Is this cancel report/Okay close-out*) ... because that's where the red TAFI cursor is located.

To remove the Original Report Information (bottom portion of Figure 95) depress F2 to move the cursor to this section of the window. Follow this by depressing F6. This action will return the cursor to the query window and will hide the Original Report section.

To redisplay the Original Report Information, depress F2 followed by F6. (This F2 – F6 combination toggles the Original Report Information window on and off.

12.2 PENDING TROUBLE REPORT PROCEDURES

When you receive a trouble call and the telephone number reported by the customer has been reported, you will receive the Subsequent Report screen with the Original Report Info window. This window displays with all the pertinent information relative to the initial report. Remember to check the Customer Information window on the screen to verify that you do have the correct area code and telephone number.

If you have entered the wrong telephone number (or the customer gave you the wrong number and corrects it when you verify the customer's name and address) cancel this TAFI report and initiate a new one with the correct information.

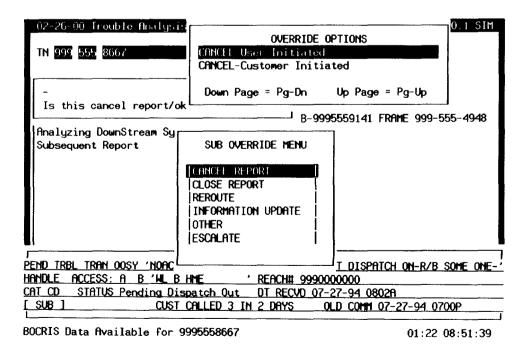


Figure 96 Subsequent Cancel Report Menu

⇒ Note: Notice that on subsequent reports the Override Menu is now called the Sub Override Menu and your options have changed. If you have progressed through the subsequent report flow and arrived at the Trouble Report Screen (the final view prior to sending the report to LMOS), the Override Menu becomes the Limited Sub Override Menu. You lose the option of Escalating the report (having TAFI select the correct routing codes) because the disposition of this report has been determined when you get to the Trouble Report Screen.

After you have determined that you have the correct customer account, tell the customer:

"We have your original report."

Next, provide your customer with a status report using the information provided in the Original Report Info window:

- Confirm the existing commitment time
- Tell the customer the current status
- Verify that we have a Reach and Access number (ACN=XXXXXXX)

Using our example, you might say (and let's assume today is July 27)

⇒ "Mr. Coxe, according to my records, we have identified the cause of your problem and your report will be assigned to the next available technician. That determination was made at 8:02 this morning and I'm confident that we will have your trouble resolved by 7 PM."

At this point, the customer will identify one of the reasons mentioned earlier and you follow TAFI's flow to process the report.

12.3 TAFI SUBSEQUENT REPORT FLOW

As with your trouble report handling for initial trouble reports, TAFI will prompt you to obtain certain information from the customer. TAFI prompts you to determine if the call is to

CANCEL REPORT/OK CLOSEOUT?,

IS CUSTOMER REPORTING A DIFFERENT TRBL CODE?,

CUSTOMER IRATE?,

IS THIS AN INFORMATION CALL ONLY?,

etc.

You will make a decision as to whether the customer is requesting information, adding new information, or if the customer is satisfied with our service or commitment. When the customer is not satisfied with our service or commitment, you must answer yes to the customer irate prompt. However, when the customer is satisfied or becomes satisfied by the end of your contact, you must make the indication by entering an N in the irate field prior to sending the report.

⇒ Remember to just FOLLOW THE FLOW of TAFI

12.3.1 MISSED APPOINTMENT

If the customer calls about a pending trouble report and the current commitment time is missed (i.e., it's now later than when we promised the customer that the trouble would be repaired), we institute the Missed Appointment procedures. TAFI will automatically recognize this condition and follow the procedure. If the status code (IST or Intermediate Status Transaction) is one of the following, we have effectively stopped the clock and have not missed the commitment. (This is because something prevented the technician from completing the work on time.)

BKO, HLD, HSO, NAS, ROP, NAO

TAFI translates the IST values to English terms for you when the pending report information is presented. See the sample screen in Section 12.2. The Status field, located in the Original Report Info section, translated the IST value of PDO to *Pending Dispatch Out*.

All other IST values are considered MISSED COMMITMENTS and we must follow the procedures listed below:

- 1) Tell the customer: "I'm sorry that we missed the established appointment to correct your problem. We will have your trouble cleared As Soon As Possible."
- 2) TAFI will enter a **commitment time of 5 minutes (+5)** from the time trouble is received in the New Commitment field.
- ⇒ **Note:** Since trouble reports are sequenced by commitment time in the WMC, entering a commitment time of 5 minutes from now will place this report on the top of the stack. DO NOT TELL the customer the new commitment time you entered since you know that there is no way of meeting it. It just gets the report on top of the WMC queue. Tell the customer the ASAP commitment.
- 3) The system will enter ASAP MA (missed appointment) in the Narrative field.
- 4) If the customer does not accept the ASAP commitment, offer the following commitments.

Received before 12 Noon - Offer 7 P.M. Same Day Received after 12 Noon - Offer 12 Noon Next Day

5) Type customer refused ASAP commitment in the Narrative field.

6) TAFI enters Y in New Info field and CX for the category value.

Let's explore your options with several examples:

Note: The training database only has one subsequent report and the commitment is July 27, 1994. We obviously missed that commitment by more than 5 years so TAFI will automatically enter the +5 (missed commitment) value in the new commitment field. For our examples, we will pretend that today is July 27, 1999.

12.3.2 CUSTOMER CALLS TO CANCEL REPORT

In this example, the customer reported a problem in the morning and then discovered the cause of the problem was due to having a defective mounting cord on the set. The customer calls you back to tell you that everything is OK now with their service and wants you to cancel their report.

⇒ **Note:** In this context, when the customer says cancel the report, what they are telling you is that no further action is required to resolve their problem. When they initially called, they did have a problem and a report was entered into LMOS. Now that they are calling back, a subsequent report must be entered (documenting the second customer call) and then TAFI will take the appropriate steps to CLOSE the existing LMOS report.

Using a previous example (see Figure 95 – Subsequent Report Screen), assume you answered Yes to the question "Is this Cancel Report / OK Closeout".

⇒ **Note:** This question is really asking you "is the customer calling to cancel (close) the existing report?"

TAFI responds to your answer and produces the following screen:

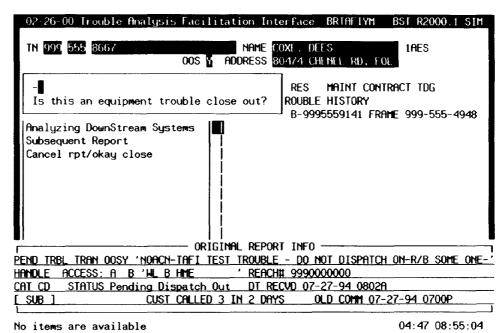


Figure 97 - Closing a Subsequent Report

The answer to the next question "Is this an equipment trouble close out?" tells TAFI the appropriate codes to use when closing this report. When customers call and say everything is OK now, one of two things happened:

- 1. The customer found some defective hardware and fixed it, or
- 2. The trouble condition just went away all by itself (i.e. TOK now)

Let's assume you answered this question with a Y (since the example says that the customer found a defective mounting cord).

TAFI responds by bringing up the Trouble Report screen as shown in Figure 98.

PEND TRBL TRAIN OOSY 'NOACH-TAFT TEST TROUBLE - DO NOT DISPATCH ON-R/B SOME ONE-' ' REACH# 9990000000 HANDLE ACCESS: A B 'WL B HME CAT CD STATUS Pending Dispatch Out DT RECVD 07-27-94 0802A [SUB CLOSE] CUST CALLED 3 IN 2 DAYS OLD COMM 07-27-94 0700P TN 999 555 8667 REPEAT N EC 999 UNIT 38538602 LOC IDG SUB Y NAME COXE, DEES SO N ADDRESS 80474 CHENEL RD. FOL REACH# 9990000000 ACCESS# CALLED# REMARKS HL B HME REP BY 0K/ TRBL DESC TRAN OOSY NOTE NARRATIVE NOACH-TAFI TEST TROUBLE - DO NOT DISPATCH ON-R/B SOME ONE-CRIS N-MTR: _ LINK: _ NEW COMM +5 ACCESS: A 0S 07-28-95 0700P В CUS DT CAT CX IRATE N CC N AS 07-28-95 0700P DT RECVD SUB: CLSALT _ NI N BC TEST RES MISC SCC2 HANDLE _ RECOMMEND CUST ISOLATED TO CPE BRTAFIYM No items are available 05:16 08:55:33

Figure 98 - Closing Subsequent Report (2)

Notice that just above the top heavy boarder, the title of this trouble report screen is SUB CLOSE which indicates that TAFI will close this trouble report in LMOS as soon as you enter this subsequent report.

TAFI will close a subsequent trouble report <u>only</u> if it is in a pending status (see the "STATUS" of this pending report is "Pending Dispatch Out" in the Original Report info area.).

If the report has been dispatched, a technician is either working on the trouble or he is traveling to the customer's location. In this case, TAFI will perform a SUB INFO UPDATE transaction (similar to Figure 108) and update the narrative information so the technician will see that the end user has provided information.

Notice that the **Original Report Info** data is now displayed at the top of your TAFI screen. This occurs for all subsequent reports. Even though you are at the last stage of completing the subsequent report, there may be a need to see something from the original report.

Lets look at some of the fields on the Trouble Report screen:

12.3.2.1 New Commitment

Since TAFI recognized this report is a missed appointment, it entered the +5 New Commitment value. If this was a current report, the New Commitment field would be blank (since the existing report would have a valid commitment) and provides a place for you to change the existing commitment to a re-negotiated value (if appropriate).

12.3.2.2 Reported By

This field is always BLANK on a subsequent report. Since LMOS doesn't have a **reported** by field, this information is not recovered. (TAFI enters the reported by data at the end of the narrative line on an initial report.) If you enter a value in this field and try to send the report, TAFI will yell at you and indicate that this field must be blank.

12.3.2.3 **OK**/

If you are closing a subsequent report you must enter the unique name of the person who told you that it was OK to close this report.

⇒ **Note:** Do NOT use the equal sign (=) in this field on a subsequent report. This is not appropriate since you do not have a reported by field with data in it. Also you MUST use an identifiable name - not just the title Mr. or Mrs.

12.3.2.4 Reach

If this were not an OK to close report, and the pending report did not have a current reach number, you should ask the customer for the number and enter it in this field.

12.3.2.5 Access

The access # field on a subsequent report is always BLANK (for the same reason given for the reported by field). You should always verify the access number stated on the narrative line of the pending report (ACN= ____) with the customer during your contact. If the narrative indicates NOACN, then always try to obtain one. Place the new access number in the narrative (i.e., ACN=9995555555).

12.3.2.6 **Category**

TAFI automatically entered the correct (CX) trouble category for the report

12.3.2.7 New Info (NI)

Since there were changes on this report, TAFI automatically entered a Y.

12.3.2.8 Narrative

If the customer offers any information related to this subsequent report, you MUST enter the NEW information IN FRONT of the OLD information, separated by a slash (/).

To efficiently do this, you want to insert the new information (so you don't wind up re-typing the old information). To accomplish this you must switch your keyboard to the insert mode.

Turn Insert "ON" -

- Position the cursor one space to the right of the dollar sign (if present) otherwise at the beginning of the narrative line.
- With ONE FINGER, momentarily depress and let go of the Escape (Esc) key and then momentarily depress and let go of the keyboard letter i.

As you begin typing, notice that all of the existing narrative characters move to the right one letter at a time. At the end of your new information, type the slash character (i.e., find def mtg crd /). As soon as you finish inserting new information, you want to turn off the insert mode. (If you don't, you may experience problems later when you try to change a value in a full field.)

⇒ **Note:** If you have your keyboard set with CAPS Lock ON, switching to the insert mode may not work! Be sure that caps lock is off before switching modes.

Turn Insert Mode OFF

To turn off the insert mode, repeat the same steps as you did to turn it on:

• With ONE FINGER, momentarily depress and let go of the Escape (Esc) key and then momentarily depress and let go of the keyboard letter i.

12.3.2.9 Recommend

This read only field displays what TAFI will do with this report. In this example, TAFI will enter the subsequent report and then immediately go into LMOS and close it. The close out narrative will indicate *Cust Isolated to CPE/Sub Report* and TAFI will select the correct disposition and cause codes to match a found CPE problem.

12.3.3 CUSTOMER CALLING FOR STATUS

In this example, the customer called in a trouble report and just wants to confirm that the problem will be resolved by the commitment time. (Remember that today is 7/27/99.)

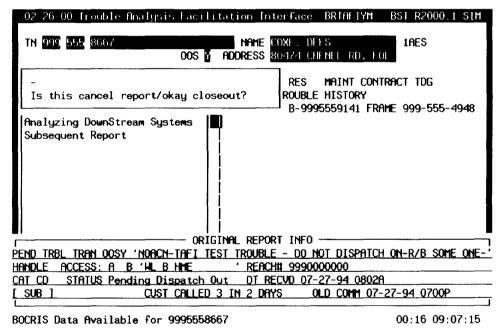


Figure 99 - Sub: Example 2A

For this query window, the user entered N (the customer is NOT calling to close the report) and TAFI replies with Figure 100.

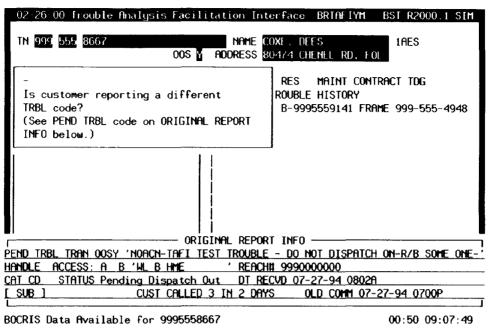


Figure 100 - Sub: Example 2B

In this case (since the customer is just asking for a status report) the user answered this question with an N. Next, TAFI wants to know if the customer is irate (because of the missed appointment) and brings you the screen below:

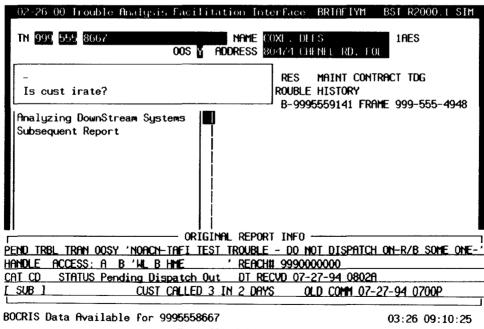


Figure 101 - Sub: Example 2C

Since this commitment time is missed, the customer is irate and the user answers Y:

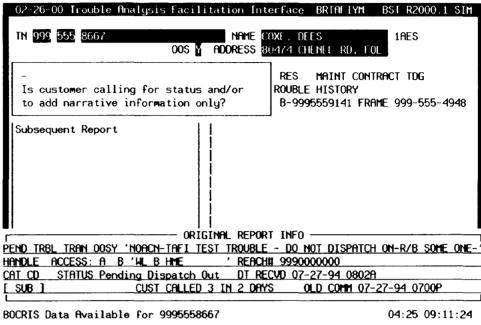


Figure 102 - Sub: Example 2D

Since our customer is looking for a status report, the user answers Y and TAFI provides:

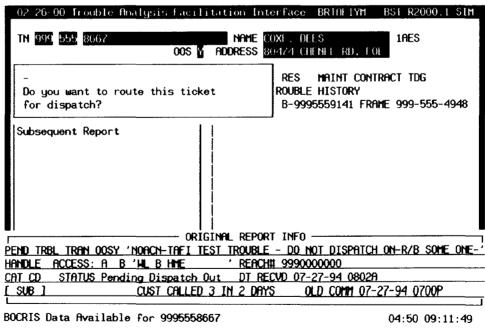


Figure 103 - Sub: Example 2E

Since this report is past due, sending it to dispatch would be the correct action to take. TAFI will put up a Message Window telling you to advise the customer of the trouble report status. If you haven't done so, TAFI reminds you.

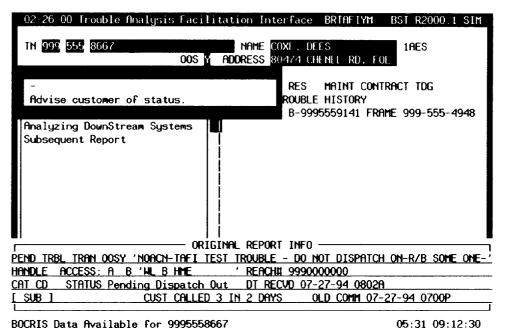


Figure 104 - Sub: Example 2F

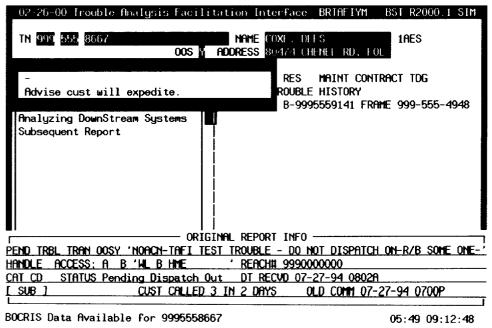


Figure 105 - Sub: Example 2G

In our example (because it is a missed appointment), TAFI puts up another Message Window telling you to advise the customer that you will expedite the resolution of his trouble. (This is done by TAFI

entering the +5 New Commitment and, depending upon the nature of the problem and customer, you may also call the BST and alert them of the situation.) TAFI then asks:

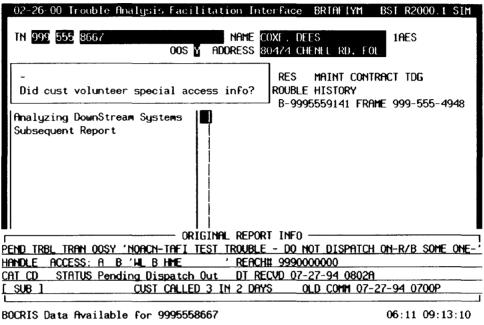


Figure 106 - Sub: Example 2H

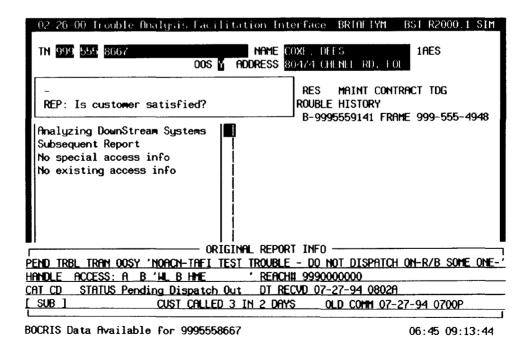


Figure 107 - Sub: Example 21

In Figure 106, the customer did not have any special (new) access information. Notice that TAFI Trouble Entry Summary in Figure 107 also indicates that no existing access information was available. Answering the question in Figure 107 (Y, the customer was satisfied) brings us to the conclusion of this report:

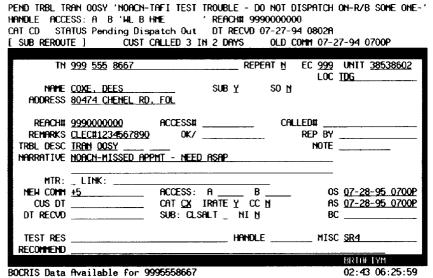


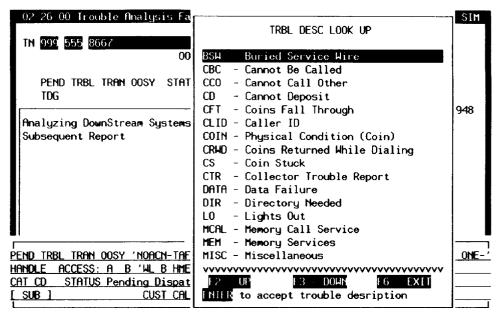
Figure 108 - Sub: Example 2J

Notice that TAFI's recommendation is to Update Narrative/Status Information. Since this training database example is always a missed appointment, TAFI entered Y in the NI field (because the commitment changed to +5).

12.3.4 CUSTOMER CALLS TO CHANGE TROUBLE DESCRIPTION

In this example, the customer originally called to report noise on the line (TRAN) and after a while they call back to let us know that now they don't have any Dial Tone!

This subsequent report begins the same as Figure 99 and the user answers the question in Figure 100 with Y (the customer is reporting a different TRBL (trouble) code). This produces the following menu of options:

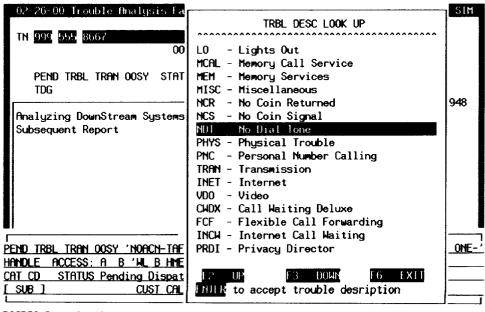


BOCRIS Data Available for 9995558667

01:46 09:08:45

Figure 109 - Sub: Example 3A

In our example, the customer is now reporting NDT. Depressing the **page down** key the user finds and selects this option:



BOCRIS Data Available for 9995558667

03:01 09:10:00

Figure 110 - Sub: Example 3B

Once the new Trouble Description Code (TDC) is selected. TAFI steps through its analysis flow to obtain pertinent information from the customer. Using our example, since this is a missed appointment situation, TAFI repeats the steps depicted in Figure 101 through Figure 108 finishing with:

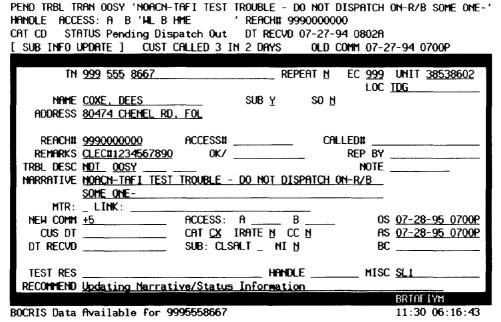


Figure 111 - Sub: Example 3C

If the new trouble description required additional downstream testing (i.e., MLT, Predictor check, etc.), TAFI will route the report to the Maintenance Administrator for manual intervention. If the new trouble description does not alter the current status of the report, TAFI will just change the trouble description code and update the LMOS narrative information as you provided.

If the original problem no longer exists the old narrative may no longer be valid. You can over-type the new information in the narrative field. If the original problem still exists and a new trouble description is selected, add the new narrative to the existing narrative.